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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement dated March 31, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group (I), represented by Claims 1-6 and 9, drawn to compounds of formula (1) and compositions thereof.

The election is made without traverse.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for early examination. If any points remain at issue which can best be resolved by way of telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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